

Hostility of Race.

It is stated (as was seen by a paragraph in yesterday's Dispatch) that President Hayes has sent an agent to San Francisco to investigate the Chinese question. We trust that the agent is a man of sense and a philosopher. He will do good if he fails to consider the question upon the broadest grounds. The sporadic difficulties that grow out of the contact of the Caucasian and Chinaman are but the surface developments of causes which lie at the bottom, and which no amount of temporizing and tender-hearted philanthropy can ever correct, or rather eradicate, for eradication is the only remedy for troubles like these.

We shall hail the expedient resorted to by the President as practical and beneficial just as it results in giving the country such information as may enable the people to see better into the great question as to the practicability, not to say possibility, of two distinct races living peacefully in the same community upon a footing of equality. When we are living together peacefully we mean living in thrift and contentment, improving and developing the country they inhabit just as would be the case were the population all homogeneous, all of the same superior race.

That is the manner in which the question should be looked at. If the blending of distinct races degrades the superior by failing to elevate the inferior race; if it paralyzes energy, lays an embargo upon enterprise and development, and puts a stop to progress, that is no such social communion as can be tolerated for a moment in this age. Such social condition should be repudiated and abolished.

Now, this social question is not confined to California. It is the great question of the nation. It is growing. It is rooting itself with all public and private matters, and will ultimately present itself with a force that cannot be repelled or put down, as it were, with a wave of the arm.

We have been firm in the opinion that political and social equality of distinct races is a delusion, and that it must fail wherever tested. The information sought by President Hayes should be valuable on this point. If it is to be gathered by the proper man, and the man who is inspired by a true philanthropy and a philosophy that seeks the good of man, it will be most valuable. That it may not be immediately employed upon the general question is very likely, but the practical bearing of it upon questions involving other disturbing elements besides the Chinese is most certain—as certain as any other question of civilization and human welfare.

The Tails.

In reproaching the unjust and foolish comparison made between Morrox and Thurman we omitted to quote a very pertinent remark of an English statesman that parties were often, like the snake, moved by the power of the tail more than that of the head. In all bad parties this is true, and we may say with equal truth that the last part of a bad party that dies is, as with the snake, the tail. Morrox was but a part of the tail. Several joints of the same tail now live and wriggle, and we see their exploits, which only show the tail power disconnected from the body—that body which is disunited and incapable of transmitting the motive power that has its impulse in that contemptible tail which no longer animates a body, and which must finally worry itself to death with its ineffectual wriggling.

This illustration applies most happily to that destructive party in Virginia known as the "forebore redjusters." A party whose very name defines its lawlessness cannot survive long in a civilized land. Being lawless and vicious, naturally it finds its motive power in its worst part—its tail. That miserable, detestable tail will be its last living part, and there it will finally wriggle into death the object of the hate of all society, but more than all others of those impulsive, generous, and heartily honest men who had been temporarily deluded by specious and plausible demagogism into a position at war with public loyalty and private virtue.

ELIZABETHTOWN, LEXINGTON AND BIG SANDY ROAD.—Lexington, April 9.—A meeting of the local Board of Directors of the Elizabethtown, Lexington and Big Sandy railroad was held in this city to-day for the purpose of considering a proposition from the L. C. and Lexington Railway Company, now operating the Big Sandy, to repair that road from here to Mount Sterling. The ownership of the line is in dispute. Under the old charter it is claimed by Mr. Huntington and his associates, and under a more recent act of the Kentucky Legislature requiring the directors to live in this State, and requiring all stock voted to be paid up, a local board has been organized, of representatives from the counties of Fayette, Clark, Montgomery, and the city of Lexington, subscribers to the fund for the construction of the road. This board also claims the ownership and direction of the Big Sandy. The dispute between the two boards has been carried to the United States Court, which has yet to decide the ownership. Meantime the line is operated by the L. C. and Lexington, at an annual rental of one-third of its gross earnings, which is paid into the hands of the receiver, Mr. McLeod, at Louisville. This fund has accumulated the amount of \$22,000. Mr. B. Wilder appeared before the local board to advocate the expenditure of this amount in repairs on the Big Sandy. He had obtained the consent of the New York board, but he wanted the consent of both claimants to the sufficient authority for the work. After a discussion of the matter by the directors, the application of Mr. Wilder was refused. It was argued that if the present lessees cannot keep the road in repair, they had better step out and let the counties operate it. This argument was emphasized by resolution. The Board adjourned to meet on the first Saturday in May, at 12 o'clock M.

The above is a telegram to the Cincinnati Commercial. This city is interested in it, as it relates to the projected road from Louisville to Big Sandy, eight miles from Huntington. It will be remembered that years ago Mr. HUNTINGTON, president of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad, made an effort to hasten the construction of the Kentucky road. The counties were induced to make liberal subscriptions to it, and an agent, as it was understood, of Mr. HUNTINGTON, subscribed for a liberal amount. Money raised in the counties and corporations was employed in building thirty miles or more of railway, and this road has been in operation by lessees for some time. This is proposed that that sum be employed in repairing the road. This proposition is rejected by the company, which declares that if the lessees can't keep the road in repair they should give up their lease and the road to the company.

In the article quoted above allusion is made to a law passed by Kentucky which requires all subscribers to stock to pay up, and, therefore, requires all directors of the road to live in Kentucky. The explanation of this law is that the so-called HUNTINGTON stock is not paid, and under the nominal ownership of that stock a part of the Board of Directors reside in New York. The Kentucky law is determined that stockholders shall pay up or cease to be stockholders, and that directors representing little or no stock shall not take part in the government of the company.

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We take it that this is a good indication of the revival of the enterprise for the building of this important road that we have looked to for so many years as promising an expeditious railway communication between Richmond and Louisville, Kentucky. It cannot come too soon for either Louisville or Richmond.

William M. Tweed.—died yesterday at noon in his prison—the Ludlow-Street Jail, New York. A most remarkable man he was. For years he held sway in party matters, and was several times elected to the State Legislature, and once to Congress. He was a most skillful and successful party tactician. He excelled in defrauding the city government. No other man ever got so much of the public money by corrupt practices and conspiracies.

After his detection his life was singularly distressed. Long a fugitive from justice, he was finally captured, brought home, and imprisoned. His troubles were great. He was only fifty-five years old when he died, but his grief had so marked him with the signs of age that he seemed to be fully eighty. He had nominally surrendered all his property, and upon an implied promise of liberty told all he knew. He was nevertheless held in custody until relieved by death.

The Eastern Question.

The news received yesterday indicates that Germany is drifting over to Austria, and this accounts for the rather impudent demeanor of the "patch," as Mr. WEBSTER called her. This inclination of Germany shows that she, too, is averse to any great increase of Russian power—certainly that she would object to Russia's occupation of Constantinople.

If Russia, instead of England, is isolated, of course there can be no war. But, then, the detestable Eastern question will be adjourned to another time. It is the jealousies of continental Europe that keep that part of the globe bowed down to England and conning at her aggressive jealousy. It will be yet another turn of the tables that will more properly adjust Europe and restrain England from meddling in a manner that promotes injustice and inhumanity and humiliates continental Europe before her.

The Columbus and Hocking Valley Railway Company recently held its annual meeting. The reader understands that these points are in Ohio. The report of the president shows the road is prosperous, in spite of the hard times. This Columbus and Hocking Valley railway is that with which the people of Gallipolis and Point Pleasant contemplate forming a connection, intending to prolong the same easterly by the Kanawha and James River valleys.

Immigration to Virginia has many warm friends in Philadelphia, but I find that the all-around State on account of the late war of debilitation. The telegram sent to the northern press, based on the Auditor's statement that Virginia was "bankrupt," has injured colonization greatly. Nobody wants to go to a bankrupt or dishonest State. St. Andrew in Philadelphia.

Exactly.

We had intended to publish no more plans for paying the State debt by subscription, but we cannot exclude the following: (For the Dispatch.)

CUMBERLAND COUNTY, VA. Women of Virginia—who have lived through the fearful scenes of the late war, who have unnumbered sons, husbands, sons, and lovers to bleed and die for her, our honored mother—I can but feel that in this hour of her sore need your hearts and hands are as willing to do for her as then. Our legislators have in vain sought a satisfactory means of settling the debt which crushes her, and there is in the air even a whisper of repudiation (God grant it never louder). I will not go into heroics or endeavor to stir your hearts and quicken your pulses as mine are at the mere hint, but calmly, as to my sisters, though fire and flood, and almost famine, have done much to blunt the edge of our finer feelings, this one of pride that we are Virginians I know is as bright, as keen as ever, now that there are some who do to doubt—I will not say her honor, or her loyalty. Can we not do more than think and feel for her? Is it possible that by some united action her daughters may help her? Our legislators have set the wise example of retrenchment. We cannot help here, for we hold no office. But let us aid as we can. If our city sisters will give up articles of personal or household adornment, some cherished book, or evening at the theatre; if our country sisters, by using a little less butter, eggs, or fowls, will sell these and devote the proceeds to this noble end of helping at least to Virginia's light, only see how much the burden would be eased. There are but few of us that could not give one dollar, and there are many who could give \$20. We need not stop to calculate how much this might bring to her exhausted treasury, but bring with gladness our mites, remembering that the least will be accepted.

I venture these remarks with the hope that they may be more fully discussed and acted on; and if no better plan is offered allow me to suggest that in the towns and cities the mayor, or ministers of the different churches (Hebrew and Gentile), may appoint ladies in every locality to receive (I mean I need not say solicit, but solicit if necessary) the money. In the country the judges of the county courts may appoint, at their next courts, March or April, a number of ladies—so many to each township. Let each collector have a blank book or paper, and the name and amount of the contributions written down. Let all be sent in at their June court, carefully audited, and sent by some responsible person directly to the Governor. The town and city collectors can do the same; appoint some place and time, hand their books and amounts to the mayor or committee of ministers, and have the same taken directly to the Governor. The work will be gratis, and all will have the satisfaction of knowing that their money goes straight to the object for which it is intended.

Sisters, let us not idle in this crisis. Though hands be not pleasant, let not women's hands be idle. Though our hearts are women's hearts, and weak, our hands are women's too, and strong and brave.

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